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FRIDAY, JAN. 8, 1897.

THERE were in the United States last year 122 legal executions and 151 lynchings, and of this number no less than three were burned at the stake. This is a sad commentary on our boasted civilization.

WHETHER CANOVAS is to surrender power in Spain or not, he ought to do so. Whether General Weyler is to be withdrawn from Cuba or not, he ought to be withdrawn. But then Spain cannot be depended on to do anything right.

The inventor who will discover or provide a means of dissipating fog, even if for a radius only of a few yards, will find a fortune awaiting him, and at the same time be the means of saving human life, of on a large scale.

If war exists in Cuba, then should the Cubans be recognized as belligerents. If war does not exist, as contended by Spain, then should that effort old despotism be compelled rigidly to account for every injury to American citizen in person or property.

In all its history the great State of Illinois has never had a native born governor. Seven of its governors have been men who were born in the state of Kentucky. Few states have sent forth to the world more distinguished men than our own, among whom was the immortal Lincoln.

The advance in the price of wheat puts money into the pocket of the farmer and grain-dealer, and the laboring man and every other person who has to buy his flour pays a correspondingly higher price therefore. It is the , that when one man gains another loses.

THE flat has gone forth that those who attend the reception of Governor Stephens of Missouri, must be clad in full dress. Let us imagine the granger members from a distant corner of the state in full dress. But we be unto that member who shall dare to come to the feast having not on the "wedding garment."

It is stated in some quarters that Senator Allison has declined the honor of a position in President McKinley's cabinet. It will be matter of regret to the whole country if he has. If he can do so Major McKinley will surround himself with the greatest men in the country. It is to be hoped they can be induced to accept service as counselors of one of the greatest presidents of the greatest government in the world.

An effort will be made soon to seat Henry A. Dupont, of Delaware, who claims to have been elected senator from that state. In 1895 the effort was made but was defeated by one vote. It is now believed the situation is such that Mr. Dupont can be seated. This would give the Republicans a much needed member. The governor of Delaware refused Mr. Dupont a certificate of election, he having received fifteen out of thirty votes, the highest number received by any opponent being ten. One of the opposing votes was found to be void, and on this is Mr. Dupont's claim based.

VICE CONSUL SPRINGER is said to be a candidate for the Consul Generalship to succeed Gen. Lee. His sympathies are evidently too much with the Spanish to recommend him for the position. The fact that the Spanish officials are apparently anxious for his appointment and have already expressed their sentiment that a word of persona grata is sufficient ground for his nomination. Mr. Springer's long residence in Cuba has brought him into close

relations with the powers that be, and he would certainly be influential, though unconsciously, perhaps, in his official dealings with them. Let us have an American over whom the Spanish have acquired no influence by personal friendship or otherwise.

THE receiver of the National Bank of Illinois, the great Chicago institution whose failure caused so much excitement and trouble in financial circles recently, promises a dividend of fifty per cent on the 20th of January. This dividend will turn loose in Chicago \$4,500,000 that have been tied up since the failure. But this is a most remarkable showing to be made of the affairs of a bank that have been reported in as bad a shape as were those of this bank. Evidently there was much exaggeration, as is often the case in connection with such matters. If fifty per cent of an indebtedness aggregating \$9,000,000 can be paid within a month, the bank's affairs could not have been so extremely rotten.

IN his message to the Illinois legislature Governor Altgeld deals at greater length with the subject of necessary restrictions on newspaper license than with any other subject.

Fresh from the conflict and with keen remembrance of the innumerable stinging commentaries on his own official acts and his own political course it is not to be wondered at that the anarchist governor of the sucker state should find some satisfaction in thus officially condemning the freedom of the press. The governor is hardly enough American in his ideas and tenets fully to appreciate the beauties and true worthiness of a free press like that of America. It would doubtless have given him no small pleasure at various times during the recent convention to have been able to lodge against his detractors a charge of less-majestic Wilhelm, and have confiscated their property. But this is in America.

A FLYING machine, built of aluminum, and with the general outlines of the eagle, has been built by an inventor of Pittsburgh. It is said to have flown to the end of its long rope "with the greatest of ease" and in the most approved fashion in the execution of its initial trial. The machinery is operated by a small gasoline engine. Recent attempts in the line of air navigation have taken a new line and have for the most part abandoned the beaten paths followed for hundred years or more. The unwieldy gas bag at the mercy of air currents, must and will be discarded in the successful ship of the future. The tendency to approach more and more the form of the denizens of the air, and to study the philosophy of flight as practiced by the bird, makes itself prominent in recent efforts to master this interesting problem. And it is undoubtedly along this line that success will be compassed. When the secret of the eagle's flight is thoroughly mastered, then by the aid of the wonderful met, aluminum,—lighter than wood, strong as steel—will the problem have found its solution.

MOSES OF DEMOCRACY.

Discusses the Situation Before the Jackson Club at Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 8. W. J. Bryan arrived in Chicago yesterday. He was met by a committee from the W. Bryan League, whose guest he is, and escorted to the Tremont House. He spoke yesterday evening at the benefit of the library given at the Tremont House in honor of the anniversary of Andrew Jackson. In the course of his remarks Mr. Bryan felt called upon to defend the cause of the Chicago convention and explained the grounds of their claim to Democracy, going back to the definition of a Democrat as one who believes in rule by "the people." Considering this subject he said: "I know who belied the Chicago nominees have a right to call themselves Democrats than those who persecuted such nominees, than the leading Democratic who belied the right and voted for the Republians. Democrats have a right to call themselves better Democrats than the leaders, who supported the voting ticket."

There should be no compromise of the issues involved in the late campaign and no terms short of absolute surrender offered those who have deserted us. If any leading Democrat sees the error of his way and is willing to endorse the Chicago platform, and labor with those who work to carry it into effect, we will welcome such a Democrat back into the fold."

On the subject of money he said: "The money question is not set. The people who believed in the gold standard before the election are now in the lead. The nation decided the presidency for four years and it has determined the complex of Congress for two years, but it has not overthrown the convictions of those who believe that the gold standard is a conspiracy against the welfare of the working mass, nor has it enraged the convictions of those who believe that trusts must be abolished and corporations made to obey the law."

GO into the Baileys' Ground At a banquet in honor of Sir Charles Tupper, premier of Canada, given in London a day or so ago, in responding to a toast, that honorable gentleman used the following language:

"I feel a great admiration for the United States, but I do not desire to possess these institutions. I feel that there is greater security under Brit-

ish rule for the property and liberty. On introducing early flat taxes at the desire of the United States to possess Canada, but so deep is their love and conviction in the Canadian, that the acquisition is impossible."

This expression was greeted with loud cheers.

Sir Charles Tupper continued that they knew Canada would be the best defender of any war between the United States and Great Britain, as there was not a public man, or even a man in Canada who would not be ready to insist in British unity. On this question all parties were united as one man.

The speech of the Canadian ex-premier was received with tumultuous applause.

Hon. Duncan Gibbons, agent for Victoria, said that he had never been in a better speech, and he hoped it would not be long before Australia would be put into a similar condition to Canada.

The colonists and the mother country will be

reconciled," he concluded, "and remain in that condition."

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THE MONEY OR THE BURGLAR.  
A Lady Takes an Unusual Course Under  
Tragedy Circumstances.  
In St. Paul recently a lady was awakened in the night with the consciousness that somebody was prowling about her room. She soon became convinced that it was a burglar. Her husband was sleeping by her side, and she knew that his clothing and jewelry, the latter valued at over \$700, would probably fall into the hands of the thief. But she kept perfectly quiet and permitted the fellow to take what he could and depart, preferring the loss of the money and jewels to the risk of having her husband shot, as he probably would have been had he been awakened.

There is no record of the husband's remarks on the discovery of what had happened, nor a cold commandment-like way of the case will command the husband's conduct. It might have seemed natural for her to call for help, for her to make a fuss, rush for the intruder, and wake her husband out of a sound sleep to find himself confronting an armed and desperate man; but she coolly weighed the merits of the two courses opened to her and preferred to keep her husband as he could and depart, preferring the loss of the money and jewels to the risk of having her husband shot, as he probably would have been had he been awakened.

One cannot settle this question for another. Circumstances differ on such occasions, but generally when a burglar has succeeded in getting fairly into the room he has advantage of the intruder. He takes his life in his hand, it is true, but he is wide awake and on the watch, while his victim often is asleep and has no idea of what is happening.

There is also the danger of a mistake in shooting an intruder at such times. The other night a man in New York shot a man who was prowling about his house, killing the latter, only to find that the dead man was an innocent commando who had come from an upper room in the house in his sleep and harbored no thought of robbery.

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WITHOUT WINGS.

The Gar-Fish Flies and the South Pacific Native Catcher Them.

One of the most dramatic accidental positions I ever witnessed was observed in the islands of the South Pacific," writes a well-known traveler. "I was wading over the reef near the Tonga Islands, with my gun, a few yards away, suddenly threw some coral into the water with a crash, which caused a number of long, sharp-toothed garfish to start out of the water. They bounded away like arrows, tipping the surface with their gills, and seeming to gain fresh impetus in this manner.

"The fish came directly toward us, and I instinctively dodged as one shot over my head. But just beyond me was a native, carrying a flat oval basket that looked more like a shield than a tray, and seeing the fish, he threw it up, catching it fairly and squarely. The bill penetrated the basket, and the man looked for all the world like a warrior receiving an arrow or spear upon his shoulder. I afterward learned that natives were occasionally killed by these fishes.

"Any one who has lived in southern countries must be familiar with the sight of garfish. They bound over the water with the speed of lightning. We saw one at \$3.00 and \$4.00.

"We also saw a number of the flat eels, and eels of various kinds, mostly 20 dollars each. A large number of flat eels, 10 feet long, cost \$1.00 apiece.

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